

Amendment(s) to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract with the following new Abstract:

An end closure member (1) with a feed-through (5) having a feed-through entry opening (8) and a feed-through exit opening (9) and connection means (10) for forming a gas-tight connection between the end closure member (1) and the feed-through (5), the feed-through entry opening (8) cross-section being larger than the feed-through exit opening (9), and the connection means (10) being located in the area of the feed-through exit opening (9).

~~Crevice-less end closure member comprising a feed-through.~~

~~The present invention relates to an end closure member (1) with at least one feedthrough~~

~~(5), whereby the end closure member (1) has at least one through-going feed-~~

~~10 through opening (2) and whereby the through-going feed-through opening (2) crosssection~~

~~varies along the end closure member (1) in a longitudinal direction.~~

~~Fig. 1~~